



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

January 27, 2009

Motion 12915

Proposed No. 2009-0063.1

Sponsors Lambert, Dunn, Phillips and
Ferguson

1 A MOTION declaring an emergency and authorizing an
2 extension of temporary free disposal of flood-related debris
3 resulting from the January 2009 flood event.
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5 WHEREAS, King County experienced unusually destructive rain, flooding and
6 other secondary hazards ("flood") beginning early January 2009, causing significant
7 damage to homes and other property, and

8 WHEREAS, the executive, on January 8, 2009, declared a flood emergency for
9 King County, and

10 WHEREAS, disposal of solid waste material resulting from the flood at normal
11 disposal fees would cause financial hardship for many property owners and could delay
12 the cleanup of debris, and

13 WHEREAS, all of King County will benefit from the prompt cleanup of debris
14 caused by the flood, and

15 WHEREAS, the executive, on January 8, 2009, called for a temporary waiver of
16 solid waste fees for the disposal of flood-related debris at county disposal sites beginning
17 January 10, 2009, through January 26, 2009, and

18 WHEREAS, pursuant to K.C.C. 10.12.050.B, actions taken by the executive to
19 temporarily waive solid waste disposal fees that continue beyond the date of the next
20 regularly scheduled council meeting require council approval by motion, and

21 WHEREAS, council adopted Motion 12913 on January 12, 2009, approving
22 waiver of fees through January 26, 2009, and

23 WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue resulting from the temporary solid
24 waste disposal fee waiver for that period was approximately \$100,000, and

25 WHEREAS, due to the extent and severity of damage many residents have been
26 unable to dispose of flood-related debris within the time period of the initial waiver and
27 require additional time to do so, and WHEREAS, the executive has requested that the
28 period for waiver be extended and has had a reasonable opportunity to comment upon
29 this waiver extension motion;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

31 A. The early January 2009 flooding is hereby declared to be an emergency and it
32 is deemed in the interest of King County to waive solid waste disposal service fees for
33 flood-related debris related to damage from the flood through February 26, 2009;

34 B. Loads of flood-related debris from commercial haulers will not be accepted at
35 no charge without prior authorization by the division director of the King County solid
36 waste division;

37 C. This temporary fee suspension is only authorized through February 26, 2009;

38 D. The following special conditions apply to the temporary suspension of the
39 disposal fee for flood-related debris:

40 1. All King County residents are eligible, except those who live in the cities of
41 Seattle and Milton, which are not part of King County's solid waste handling system;

42 2. King County residents must provide acceptable proof of residence such as a
43 current utility bill or other piece of mail containing the resident's current address;

44 3. All loads must be properly secured; unsecured loads will be subject to
45 unsecured load fees in accordance with K.C.C. 10.12.040;

46 4. Loads of flood-related debris may be inspected by King County solid waste
47 division staff, and division staff reserve the right to limit quantities disposed without
48 charge;

49 5. Only flood-related debris may be disposed at no charge; split loads of mixed
50 flood-related debris and regular solid waste will be charged at the regular solid waste
51 disposal rate;

52 6. All standard King County waste acceptance policies apply (see K.C.C. Title
53 10 and King County Public Rules and Regulations: Waste Acceptance Rule for King
54 County Solid Waste Division Solid Waste Handling Facilities
55 <http://www.metrokc.gov/recelec/archives/policies/put715pr.htm>); and

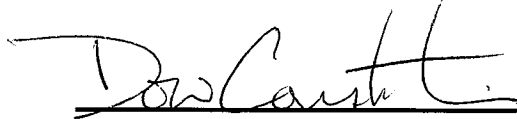
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57 7. Eligibility to participate in this emergency flood-debris disposal opportunity
58 is conditioned upon strict compliance with the solid waste handling procedures provided
59 by the King County solid waste division.
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Motion 12915 was introduced on 1/26/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/26/2009, by the following vote:

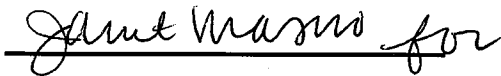
Yes: 8 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None